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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Handfield, et al.

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Examiner: Baskar, P.

Docket No.: 01-662

For: **Identification of *Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans* antigens for use in the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of periodontal disease**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 13, 2003 in the above-mentioned case. Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time, up to and including, February 13, 2004. A check for four hundred seventy five dollars (\$475) is enclosed. It is believed that no further fee is due to make this filing complete; however, if a fee or credit is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.